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see attached notice of non responsive amendment.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on June 1, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it fails to reply to the requirement for information. If the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

In order to assist the applicant in providing a complete reply to the requirement for information, this requirement is restated as a series of questions that have an answer that is either yes or no, along with specific instructions for providing information for each question that is answered with a yes response.

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

In response to this requirement, please provide answers to each of the following interrogatories eliciting factual information that is known by the applicant and the assignee of this application:

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1. In application number 2003-117784 filed in Japan April 23, 2003, did the Japanese Patent Office make any rejections? Please respond by answering "yes" if the Japanese Patent Office did make any rejections or by answering "no" if the Japanese Patent Office did not make any rejections.

If the Japanese Patent Office did make any rejections, please submit copies of each rejection made by the Japanese Patent Office in application number 2003-117784.

2. In application number 2003-117784 filed in Japan, did the Japanese Patent Office cite or discuss any prior art? Please respond by answering "yes" if the Japanese Patent Office did cite or discuss any art or by answering "no" if the Japanese Patent Office neither cited nor discussed any art.

3. If the Japanese Patent Office did cite or discuss any prior art, did the Japanese Patent Office cite or discuss specific portions of the art? Please respond by answering "yes" if the Japanese Patent Office cited or discussed specific portions of the art or by answering "no" if the Japanese Patent Office neither cited nor discussed specific portions of the art.

If the Japanese Patent Office did cite or discuss specific portions of the art, please state the specific portions of the art cited or discussed by the Japanese Patent Office. If the specific portions of the art cited by the Japanese Patent Office are not in the English language, please provide an English language translation of the specific portions.

4. Did the applicant or the assignee of this application file any applications in any country (other than the United States) that claim foreign priority to application number

2003-117784? Please respond by answering "yes" if any such applications have been filed or by answering "no" if no such applications have been filed.

If any such applications have been filed and have received any rejections, please submit copies of each rejection.

5. Applicant is held to understand the material portion of a reference that is written in applicant's native language and is required to provide a translation in the English language of the material portion. A portion is material if it discloses, among other things, a claim element. Therefore, does any portion of Japan Application Number 09-209056 cited by applicant in the IDS and written in applicant's native language disclose any element of any claim that is currently filed in this U.S. application? Please respond by answering "yes" if any portion discloses any element or by answering "no" if no portion discloses an element.

If any claim elements are disclosed by Japan Application Number 09-209056 cited by applicant in the IDS, then for each claim element disclosed by this reference please identify each portion of this reference that discloses the claim element, along with a translation in the English language of each portion.

This information is material to patentability. Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement for information will result in a holding of abandonment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey S. Smith whose telephone number is 571 270-1235. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

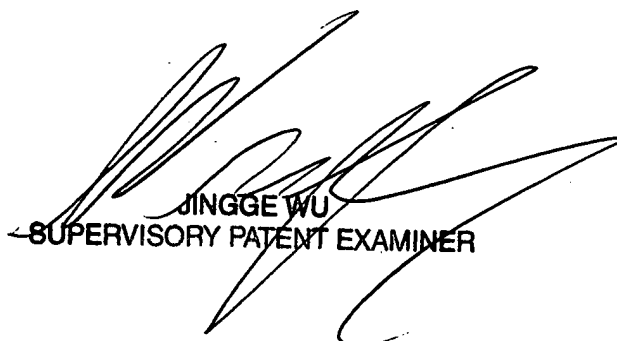
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jingge Wu can be reached on 571 272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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